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PLDT joins group to build undersea cable to link Asean to US mainland

Gloria goes to Divisoria for preschool bargains

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE COUNTRY'S "GREATEST SALESWOMAN" went to Divisoria yesterday.

President Macapagal-Arroyo dropped by what she called the "biggest store for school requirements" to check prices of school supplies as part of the government's back-to-school preparations. Classes were set to open on June 5.

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Story of how 'Cavite' was made better than movie

MOVIE REVIEW

NEW YORK—THE STORY OF HOW "CAVITE" GOT made is better than the movie itself.

Aspiring filmmakers Ian Gamazon and Neill Dela Llana, best friends since high school in San Diego (California), bought a couple of digital video cameras and scrounged up the money for plane tickets to the Philippines.

STORY A6

'Nicole' relives ordeal



WRAPPED IN THE EMBRACE of members of Gabriela and other supporters, 22-year-old victim "Nicole" is hidden from the cameras on the first day of the trial at the Makati Regional Court of the four US Marines accused of her alleged rape. It was her first encounter with the accused since the alleged crime was committed inside a van cruising the Subic Freeport last November.

Defense tactic portrays victim spending late hours in 'naughty' place

By Volt Contreras and Tarra V. Quismundo

"NICOLE" CRIED RAPE IN THE HANDS OF FOUR US Marines seven months ago, and yesterday in a Makati court she endured four hours of having her supposed ordeal retold.

She also tasted a prelude of what the Filipino lawyers of her alleged tormentors had apparently set out to do: Portray her as someone comfortable spending late hours in a "naughty" and "notorious" place like the Neptune Bar, which, the lawyers noted, employed hospitality girls and offered "VIP Rooms."

The first two prosecution witnesses, both security personnel, said Nicole was visibly drunk at the popular nightspot inside the Subic Bay Freeport minutes before leaving with one of the accused on the night

NICOLE A6

Senate, House wildly differ on nat'l budget

By Michael Lim Ubac, TJ Burgonio and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

IT WILL BE A "BLOODY" WEEKend for Senate and House leaders meeting at a bicameral conference to reconcile their widely differing versions of the 2006 national budget after the Senate slashed by P26 billion the P1.04-trillion budget appropriation approved by the House.

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles said the House would "stand firm" on its budget version and never agree to the Senate "slash" which, if what was taken out in unprogrammed outlays were to be included, amounted to P84 billion.

Sen. Manuel Villar, chair of the finance committee, said he didn't want to quarrel with the House but expected a tough bicameral conference. He said a deadlock was likely because of the huge differences in the two chambers' positions.

"We're not saying that ours is the better version. We have our own views. In the Senate, we deemed it wise to tighten expenditures, to bring down deficit. We didn't want to continue borrowing, so we trimmed down fats in the budget," Villar said.

The House version, which took more than seven months to craft, was a realistic budget that would adequately address the rising unemployment and worsening poverty, and jump-start a moribund economy this year, said Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, the chair of the House appropriations committee.

"The House panel is well-prepared to vigorously defend the macroeconomic logic and structural fixes of its P1-trillion budget version," said Salceda, who will head the House bicameral panel.

Villar and Salceda intend to convene the bicam committee on Monday and pass the budget before Congress adjourns on June 10.

Villar said he would try to hold preliminary talks with House members at the weekend.

Salceda said House members would press for the reinstatement of numerous items slashed or

SENATE A6



TERRORISM AND CHILD: Muslim student looks on as US Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission Paul Jones turns over computer sets with Internet connection to the Pasanaan National High School in Jolo where the US is pouring aid to counter the Islamic militants.

Barong joins Armani, Vuitton in Tokyo's Cool Biz campaign

By Blanche S. Rivera

SHIBUYA-KU, TOKYO—THE Philippines' barong Tagalog joined the hottest designs of Giorgio Armani, Louis Vuitton, Paul Smart and other big names in a fashion show here Wednesday night.

The fashion show was intended to redefine Japan's formal wear, as well as cut down on this country's power bills and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Japan is the second largest oil importer in the world.

Ambassadors from all over Asia, including the Philippines, dropped their coats, loosened their ties, and took to the catwalk to launch the second wave of Japan's Cool Biz campaign, a lifestyle concept aimed at helping the government meet its Kyoto Protocol target of reducing by six

BARONG A6

Beltran: Gov't getting me through legal system, others being killed

By Philip C. Tubeza and Tarra V. Quismundo

THE VETERAN LABOR LEADER and militant party-list lawmaker "felt like crying."

Giving vent to his sentiments after hearing that the Makati Regional Trial Court had upheld his indictment for the nonbailable offense of rebellion, Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran said the ruling was contrary to the voluminous evidence he had presented to dispute the "false and fabricated" case filed against him by the Department of Justice.

"While they are trying to go after me through the legal system, the others are being killed. This is why I am very adamant about getting justice," Beltran said.

"I initially wanted to cry because this was far from what I expected," Beltran, 73, said in a phone interview. "It was entirely unexpected. The decision is whimsical and capricious."

He said his lawyer, Romeo Capulong, would file a motion for reconsideration on Monday to ask Judge Encarnacion Jaja Moya of Makati RTC Branch 146 to reverse her order finding probable cause against him and his coaccused, 1st Lt. Lawrence San Juan.

"It would appear that I would no longer get justice. But on the other hand, I'm still hopeful that I would be vindicated in the end," Beltran said.

"I am ready to face and expose these false and fabricated charges in court and welcome initiatives to oppose repression through political means and through mass protests in the streets," he said.

Beltran, a former leader of the militant labor alliance Kilusang Mayo Uno, is currently confined

BELTRAN A6

Who's to blame for body switch? Owwa: Not us

By Jerome Aning

PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS YESTERday expressed regret at the switching of the bodies of two Filipinos killed in Saudi Arabia but said they had nothing to do with it.

"We expressed to the families

WHO'S TO BLAME A6

C4 explosives used in attempt on Batangas gov's life



HOW DID HE GET OUT alive? Hummer H2, a military-type sports utility vehicle costing at least P5 million, is reduced to a good-sized junk after the bomb blasts. Owned by Batangas Gov. Armando Sanchez, it exploded twice shortly after the vehicle was leaving the provincial capitol in Batangas City.

By Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau and Luige A. del Puerto

THE BOMB THAT KILLED TWO AIDES OF Batangas Gov. Armando Sanchez and nearly blew him up was possibly a C4 explosive, a powerful device used only by a few groups and a favorite weapon of terrorists, police said yesterday.

They said they were looking into all possible motives—from politics to business—behind the explosion that destroyed Sanchez's Hummer H2 sports utility vehicle in Batangas City on Thursday evening.

Sanchez had just boarded the vehicle after attending a meeting of the Regional Development Council at the capitol when it suddenly exploded.

Provincial administrator Ronaldo Geron said the governor was able to jump out before the

C4 EXPLOSIVES A6

More ex-soldiers evicted from Boni

AROUND 100 RETIRED Navy and Marine soldiers were evicted yesterday from their quarters at Fort Bonifacio, but a lone soldier who claimed he was still in active service tried to resist his eviction.

Overstaying tenants



BIR tapping all sources to meet target



No Senate nod needed for new security RP-US pact, Palace officials insist

DEFENSE SECRETARY Avelino Cruz Jr. yesterday remained adamant in his refusal to submit for Senate's approval the new security agreement recently forged between the Philippines and the United States.

Cruz insisted that the Security Engagement Board (SEB) whose creation was formally announced last May 24 was not a new bilateral agreement. The SEB was established through a memorandum issued by President Macapagal-Arroyo last April 12 and involved an exchange of diplomatic notes.

"The Executive (Department)'s position is that there is no need (for Senate ratification)," Cruz said in a statement.

"The establishment of the SEB, which provides a forum for RP-US bilateral security consultations, merely implements the VFA (Visiting Forces Agreement). It does not establish new policy. Hence, there is no need for Senate concurrence," Cruz added.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez yesterday also said that it is the view of the Palace that the agreement between the Philippines and the US to set up the SEB for "non-traditional security concerns" like terrorism and pandemic outbreaks is an "executive agreement" and does not need to be ratified by the Senate.

"Malacañang, and I think Senator (Richard) Gordon, agree that it is an executive agreement. I believe that it is an executive agreement because it is founded on the existency of the (Mutual Defense Treaty)," he said.

According to him, the agreement on the SEB is just an expansion on the Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT) and the VFA.

Cruz, a former chief presidential legal counsel, invoking Supreme Court decisions, argued that "agreements that merely provide details of existing agreements," referring to the VFA, "or implement established national policies" need not be submitted to the Senate.

"RP-US cooperation on non-traditional security concerns is already happening as shown in instances of cooperation during disasters," Cruz insisted.

"The SEB only provides a forum for formal and focused discussions on these concerns between RP and US officials," he added.

But Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, who co-chairs Legislative Oversight Committee on the VFA, said the SEB covered a new set of issues not covered by the 1999 VFA and the 1951 MDT.

After a briefing by foreign and defense officials, Santiago concluded that the "the exchange of notes indirectly extends the application of the VFA to US military forces who might participate in countering in Philippine territory that address non-traditional security issues." *Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Armand N. Nocum*

GMA tongue-lashing pays off for DepEd chief

Ideal ratio

Old formula

Boss always right

Lagging behind

Senate, House wildly differ …

Pork barrel for GMA

Untouched

Marathon hearings urged

The Daily Gospel

Everest climb a lesson in unity, says leader

No ransom for Pinoys kidnapped in Somalia







'Nicole' relives ordeal



THE ACCUSED ON TRIAL: S/Sgt. Chad Carpentier, Lance Cpls. Daniel Smith, Keith Silkwood and Dominic Duplantis escorted by a US Embassy official at the Regional Trial Court on Friday

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DOLE ON WAGE HIKE BILL

'If they pass it, we'll implement it'

'Economic pandemonium'

Better medium

Noli proposes promo for OFW remittances

St. Theresa's pre-school motorcade

Barong joins Armani, Vuitton in Tokyo's Cool Biz …

So stylish

Strong message

No-tie, no-jacket attire

Warm biz

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Story of how 'Cavite' was made better than movie



Stirring realism

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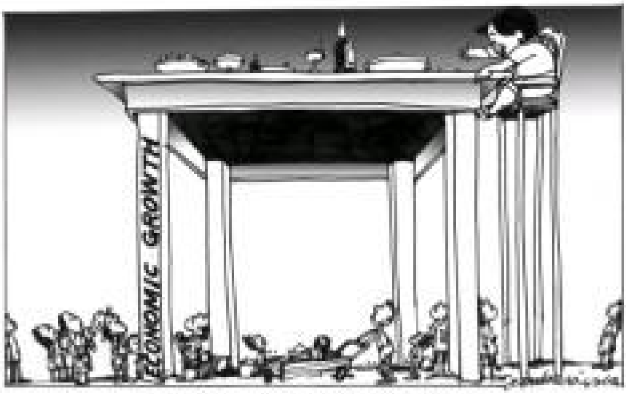
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INQUIRER Visayas

GAMEFOWL BREEDING

A peek at Bacolod's other chicken

WHY DID THE CHICKEN cross the street?



BREEDER for 20 years, Aguirre (at right) asserts gamefowl breeding is more than a sport but an art and science that has grown into a multi-billion industry.

With Negros also being the country's sugar base, some people took to game fowl breeding as a hobby while waiting long months for their sugarcane to mature

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GUINSAUGON LANDSLIDE

Gov wants 900 missing declared dead

CEBU CITY—SOUTHERN LEYTE GOV. ROSETTE Lerias has asked the Municipal Disaster and Coordinating Council (MDCC) of St. Bernard town to declare dead the over 900 missing persons in the Feb. 17 Guinsaugon landslide tragedy.

ROUNDUP

33 'rebels' yield



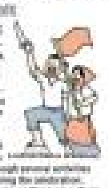
Murder raps for trader

3 held for drugs

Killings spoil fiesta



Cagayan revolt reenactment





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Japan funds peace program with MILF

Crimes, assassinations keep Abra peace, order unstable

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Former Miss Universe supports retention of capital punishment



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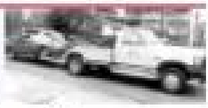
New Cha-cha fight set in Bacolod



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LIGHT AND SOUND
Fireworks light up the Makati skyline as the city celebrated its 336th foundation day on Thursday.

Groups behind bank heists known

PNB guard's text mate one of suspects







LOOKING FOR RIGHT PAIR
Children try to pick out from several pairs the shoes they would wear when they go back to school next week.

Ombudsman orders probe of abusive towing firms

MetroBriefs

'QC's Pride' is no. 1

Franklin L. Osorio; 68

4 policemen commended for honesty

Plan to scrap stude fare discount scrapped

Humane solution to stray dogs problem sought by welfare group



UNCLAIMED stray dogs meet painful death by electrocution.

Old guards sleeping on the job

On Target
Ramon Tulfo

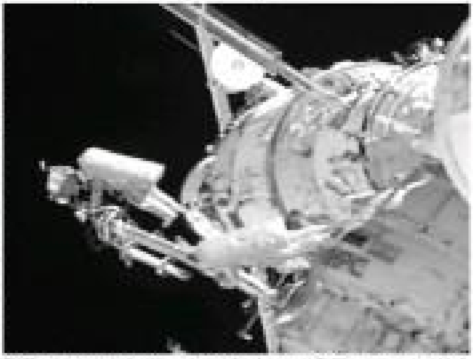


Bush seeks deal on immigration



UN: Indonesia quake relief efforts could take 6 months

Spacewalkers complete station repairs in 6 hours



One in five Japanese 65 or older

11th US soldier found guilty of Ghraib abuse



Emissions grow, temperatures rise as globe confronts warming

The WORLD

Media jostle for glimpse of Prince Albert's love child



INSTANT CELEBRITY— Jazmin, out-of-wedlock daughter of Prince Albert II.

Strategy to curb Iran nuke bid

World powers agree on package of incentives, sanctions

VIENNA—WORLD POWERS ON Thursday agreed a "far-reaching" package of incentives for Iran to stop nuclear fuel work that could lead to atomic bombs, including an offer to suspend action against it in the UN Security Council.



MEMBERS of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps chant slogans in support of Iran's nuclear program during Friday prayers in Tehran May 26.

SPORTS

RP faces all-GM Dutch team today

TURIN, ITALY—ITALIAN buffet for lunch, crispy pata, fried chicken, pa-paitan and, of course, rice, for dinner. In-between, they cavorted with pigeons, snapped pictures and strolled around Milan.

Portmasters seek clincher today



Kings, Express forge do-or-die showdown for last quarters slot

ASIAN TOUR

Reyes, 2 others prevail

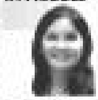


BANGKOK—EFREN "BATA" Reyes picked up from where he left off as he opened his bid for a second straight title with a 9-5 win over Ricky Yang of Indonesia at the start of the Bangkok leg of the San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour 2006 at the Bang Na Hall.

Ardina leads by 11; Dela Paz joins top

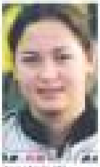
Pleasant surprise for Pichay

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

Guba bags 2 Olivarez age-group tennis titles



Asian karting open set

Far Eastern U spikes Lyceum



Futsal tilt gets going

UE, USP tossers up

RACING TIPS

Vudu 01 rules Enduro Cebu

Justine celebrates birthday in style



PARIS—DEFENDING CHAMPION Justine Henin-Hardenne celebrated her 24th birthday Thursday with a second-round victory at the French Open...

SPORTSWATCH

Makati 3-cock derby today



SPORTS

RP seniors golf June 14

Dirk drives Dallas

Mavs push Suns hard against the wall

DALLAS—RAJA BELL HOBBLING, STEVE NASH struggling with his shot and fatigue maybe taking a toll, the Phoenix Suns lost 117-101 to the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday and fell behind 3-2 in the Western Conference finals.



AP

Iligan spills Taguig

Ayala leads Nokia tilt

England pledges World Cup crown to future king

SATURDAY*Special*

Editor Nestor U. Torre
Assistant Editor Rito P. Asilo

Senior talents get stellar showcase they deserve

By Nestor U. Torre

WHEN FILIPINO MOVIES were flying high, with production figures hitting 200 films annually, producers pretty much stuck to formula formats, and shied away from innovative concepts. After all, the traditional formats were making money, so why take risks with more intrepid fare?

Local movies were also fixated on youth, with most new stars still in their midteens, and forty-something actors regarded as over-the-hill.

Formula

As everybody now knows, the local movie industry's formula orientation eventually led to a stultifying sense of predictability, prompting film fans to shift their viewing allegiance to bigger and more overt US blockbusters. This resulted in the decade-long slump that has brought the Filipino film industry down to its knees.

That may be a sad position, but it's also a purgatorial, reflective one. Now that the usual film formats have overstayed their welcome, local producers have realized that viewers want more innovative movies, and that's what some of them have been coming up with.

The latest fresh concept to come our way is Star Cinema's "I Wanna Be Happy," written and directed by Joey Reyes. For one thing, it isn't about the usual puppy love of young teens, but about septuagenarians! In the youth-obsessed local movie industry, that's a major switch.

The film stars Gloria Romero and Eddie Garcia as a couple about to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Two months before that grand event, however, Gloria's character shocks everybody by packing her bags and leaving her husband.

Her unexpected decision also discombobulates their children: a widower played by Joey Marquez, a long-suffering housewife (Cherry Pie Picache), and the youngest child, a free spirit portrayed by Diana Zubiri.

Their mother's "crazy" decision eventually has a sobering effect on them, because it forces them to reexamine their ideas about love, marriage, fidelity and life itself.

—And that goes double for Eddie's character!

This is a promising film concept because it invites viewers to similarly think about the values—and people—they hold dear. We trust that filmmaker Reyes will ring all those bells for our edification—and entertainment.

We're glad that Eddie and Gloria are still getting to play lead roles at this late stage in their careers.



GARCIA AND ROMERO. Experience, depth and wisdom.

This is a complete departure from traditional industry practice, and we celebrate it.

Major roles

We've always rued the fact that our senior stars are usually relegated to the sidelines, while major roles are given to callow, shallow teenagers who can't act their way out of a shampoo commercial.

That's why we hope that viewers patronize "I Wanna Be Happy" when it starts its run in theaters later this month, so that other producers will also conceptualize projects for mature stars.

This will enable us to benefit from the experience, depth and wisdom of our older movie actors, and everyone will be the better and richer for it!



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Feel-good rom-com overload

By Rito P. Asilo

"All About Love"

D: Joyce Bernal, Jerry Lopez Sineneng, Bobot Mortiz

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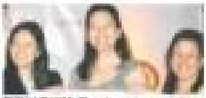
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THE ANDAYAS: Their business venture has come a long way

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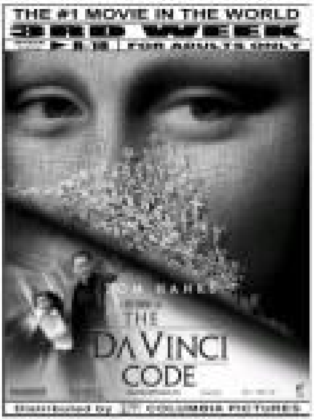
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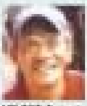
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Show must go on for Lou



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SATURDAY

Goodbye, Katie Couric hello, Meredith Vieira



VIEIRA...Big shoes to fill.

By Nestor U. Torre

FOR A LONG TIME NOW, we've enjoyed watching NBC's "Today" show practically every morning on the Second Avenue cable channel, and have become fans of its female co-host, Katie Couric.

Last June 1, however, we sadly watched her final day on the show, prior to her career shift to CBS, as anchor of the "Evening News" program. The move is hailed as a landmark event on US TV because Couric will be the first woman solo anchor of a major evening network newscast in the States.

Segments

When she starts anchoring the CBS news program this September, Katie will assume additional duties as the newscast's managing editor. In addition, she will do segments for CBS' documentary show, "60 Minutes," and anchor prime-time news specials for the network.

We will miss seeing Katie on the "Today" show, and hope that a cable channel would carry her new "CBS Evening News" later this year.

Meanwhile, there's a lot of curiosity about Katie's replacement on the "Today" show, Meredith Vieira. Why was she chosen to fill Katie's shoes, and how well will she do on the morning show?

Portuguese descent

Vieira used to host "Who Wants to be A Millionaire?," and was a co-host on the popular panel talk show, "The View." Of Portuguese descent, she has also hosted a cable biography series.

Why, of all the personable and talented women on US TV, was she chosen to replace Katie Couric? Other reasons aside, a relevant factor could be the fact that Meredith's paired on

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Three decades of Mitch in 'Been Der, Bin Dat'

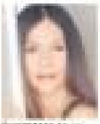
A MITCH VALDES SHOW IS NEVER WITHOUT a live band.

Hilarious take



VALDES: Vast experience as performer and parent.

Tito...



Goodbye, Katie...

Sexual issues

Whatever happened to those exotic Hollywood beauties?

By [illegible]

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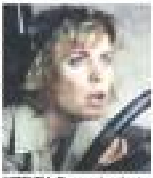


LAMOUR: Sarong-clad Latin actress.

Video game adapted into enervating movie

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MITCHELL: Stranger in a ghost town.

Sleepwalking daughter

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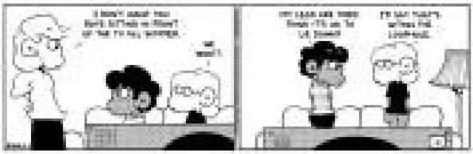
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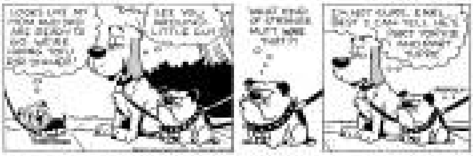
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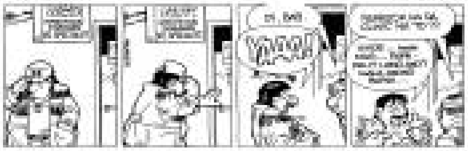
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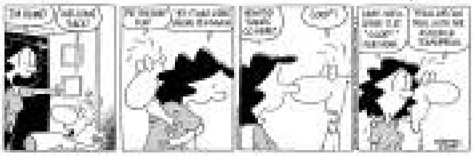
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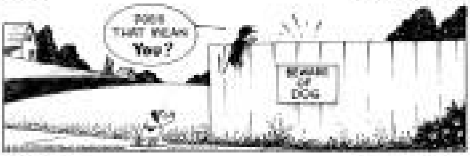








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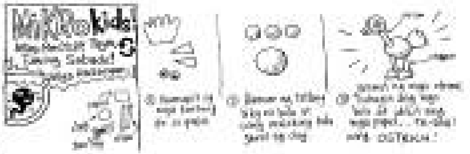


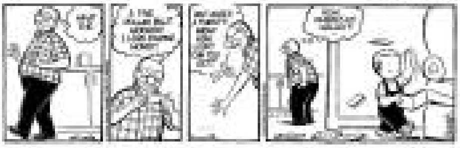


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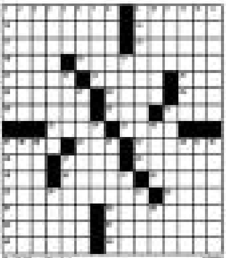


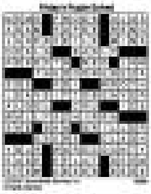
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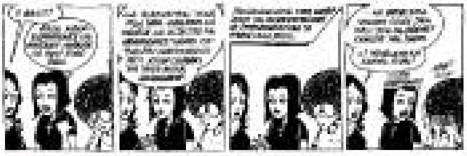


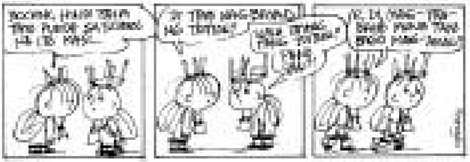


Daily Crossword











Tito Nieves at Harbor Tent

SALSA EXPONENT TITO Nieves [illegible]

On Nickelodeon

[illegible]

MONTAGE



NIEVES: [illegible] special concert.

Animation awardee

[illegible]

'Cars'

[illegible]

Four Aces

[illegible]

Freedom Package

[illegible]

'The Lynn Sherman Show'

[illegible]

On National Geographic

[illegible]

Nikki Gil is ready for her close-up



Monologues

Top priority

Isla Era takes a crack at recording stardom



Friendship

Vocalist

Race to the top

Inspiring

Sentiment

Coverage

BUSINESS



Group to build trans-Pacific cable system

PLDT joins undersea telecom project to link Asean to US mainland

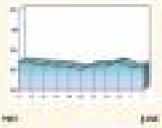
PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CO. (PLDT), the country's biggest telecommunications firm, has joined a consortium of regional peers that will build an undersea cable link between Southeast Asia and the United States.

WHAT'S INSIDE

OFW remittances lift peso to 52.85 to $1

AFTER THREATENING to fall past the key barrier of 53:$1 in the past few days, the peso yesterday rebounded from five-month lows on the back of remittances from overseas Filipino workers in time for the school opening.

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Shares close lower





IS property finally sold

Purchase price of P1.43B higher than asking price



PAL SELECTS CFM ENGINES

Online broker sets offer date

Ayala to refinance debts falling due in '08

PLDT joins . . .

OFW . . .

Disclosures

Court stops BCDA, subsidiary from taking over Poro Point

Bid seen sending wrong signal to investors in the area

Tax amnesty for ecozone locators OKd

By Michael Lim Ubac



Meralco to reformat billing statement

By Abigail L. Ho

2 state banks to raise P10B for LGUs through bond float

By Doris C. Dumlao



UBS remains optimistic RP will meet fiscal targets

Swiss bank not affected by shortfall in tax collection of BIR



TEVES

Indonesia to continue importing RP lighters



BIR supports plan to lift cap on input VAT

P600M in new cold chain facilities set

PNOC to pursue solar project



PROPERTY



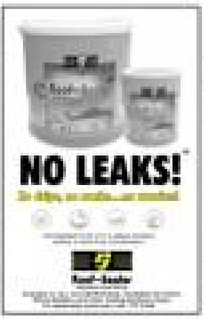
OFWs take 20% of preselling residential developments

Colliers International's latest property market indicator cites the high-rise residential segment up by 83 percent as of end-February

Sharp rise

Up cycle

Offshore contributions







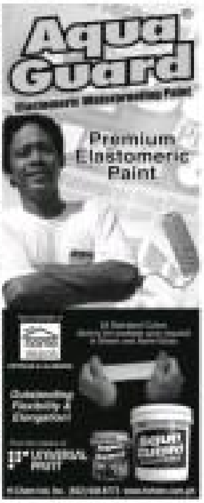
A natural wonder



Nature, nurture

Top-flight golf course

Cosmopolitan, country living

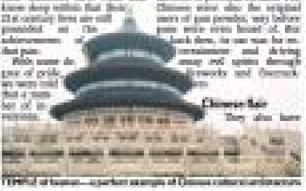




Beijing's cross-cultural architecture

LIVING ARCHITECTURE







Colossal buildings

Robinsons joins Blue Wave Marikina



Branch completion

Reputation

New look

Perfect blend

CONSTRUCTSCOPE

Filipinos join realty world congress

Launch of second San Lazaro tower

Portofino: Southern living Italian style



Enclaves

A way of living

Innovating residential skylines

Presidio by the Bay

Presidio New Manila

SCIENCE/HEALTH

High-altitude sickness

MEDICAL FILES

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

Thin air

Heart and lungs

Lung cancer growing threat to women



WASHINGTON— Lung cancer acts differently in women than in men, and major new studies are exploring if estrogen is a key reason, and whether harnessing the hormone might help fight the No. 1 cancer killer.

Different kinds

Combination drug

AP

Unseen possibilities

DISCOVER



Maxxie Santos Ballon

Invisibility soon a reality?

Reducing reflection

Eating well despite bird flu

EUREKA!



Queena N. Lee-Chua

Safety tips

Choosing eggs

Chicken recipe

Comforting bawling babies better than letting them cry

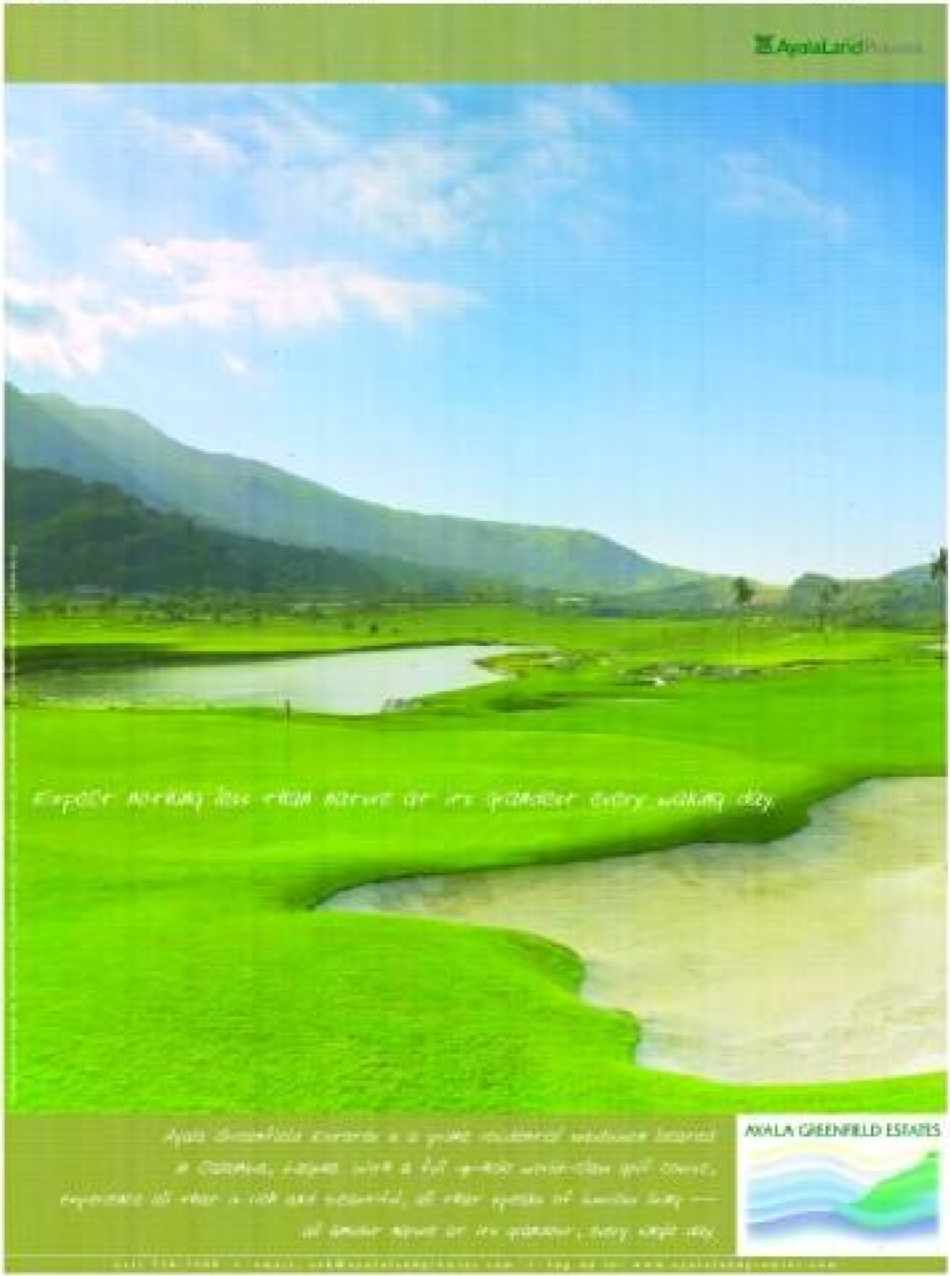


Reuters

BUSINESS

Foreign donors urged to address 'brain drain' problem

As some Asian gov'ts move to lure their workers back





Andy Maluche challenges you to a **tribal war** page C2

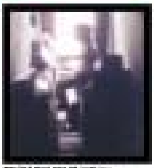
Super! portfolio, stylists **trio** page C2

Nicolette Bell & Ornusa Cadness invite you to a Super! **threesome** page C2

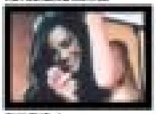
Gino de la Paz goes from wild to **mild** page C5

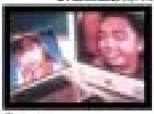

SHARING an iPod moment


ROMANCING the iPod


BY DARKLIGHT, I Write


CONSUMERISM


SMILEY Pod


iRomance



One, two, three ... say apple





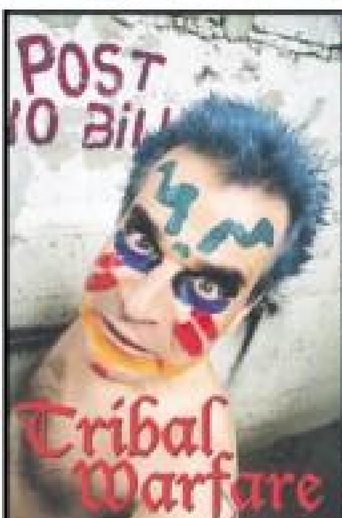
More than just your average kind of girl





Tim Yap

IT IS SO EASY TO DISMISS them as this moment's fleeting, young things. But Nicolette Bell and Octavia Cadmus are proving to us that in a fickle, celebrity and gossip-obsessed society that is so eager for your 15 minutes to run out—that they are here to stay.



Tribal Warfare



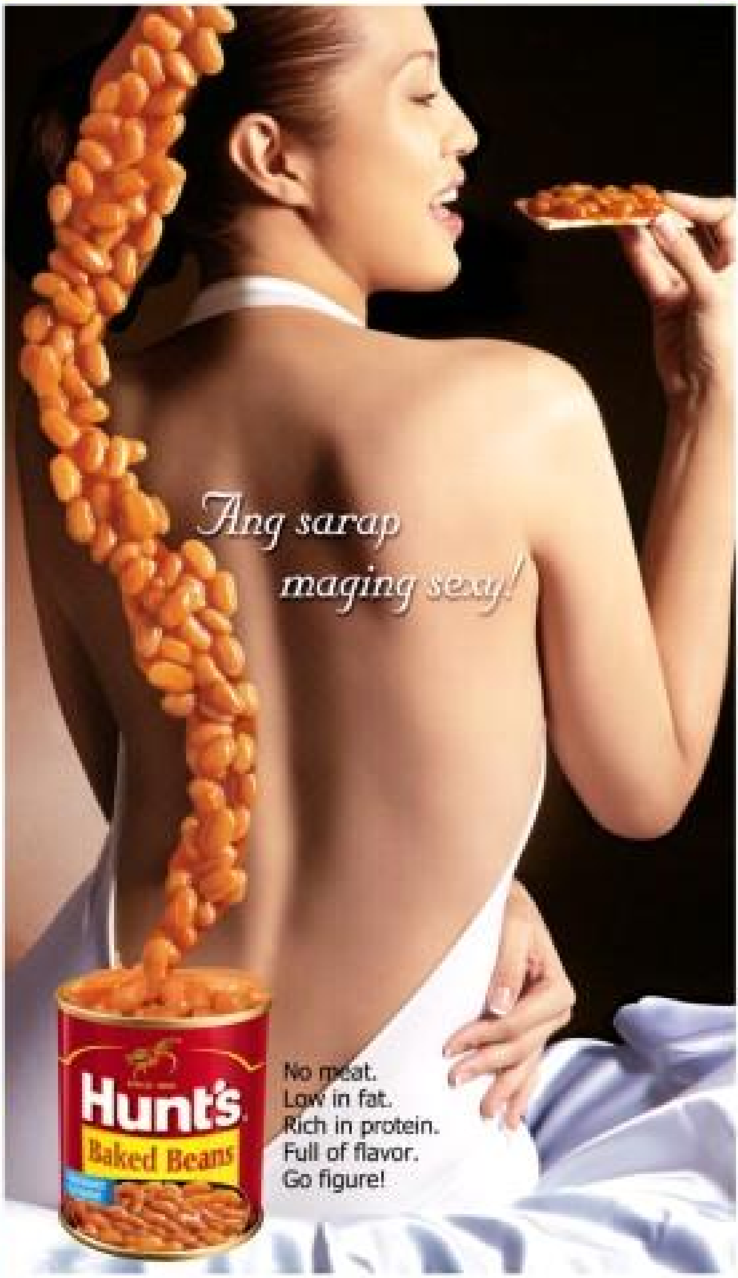


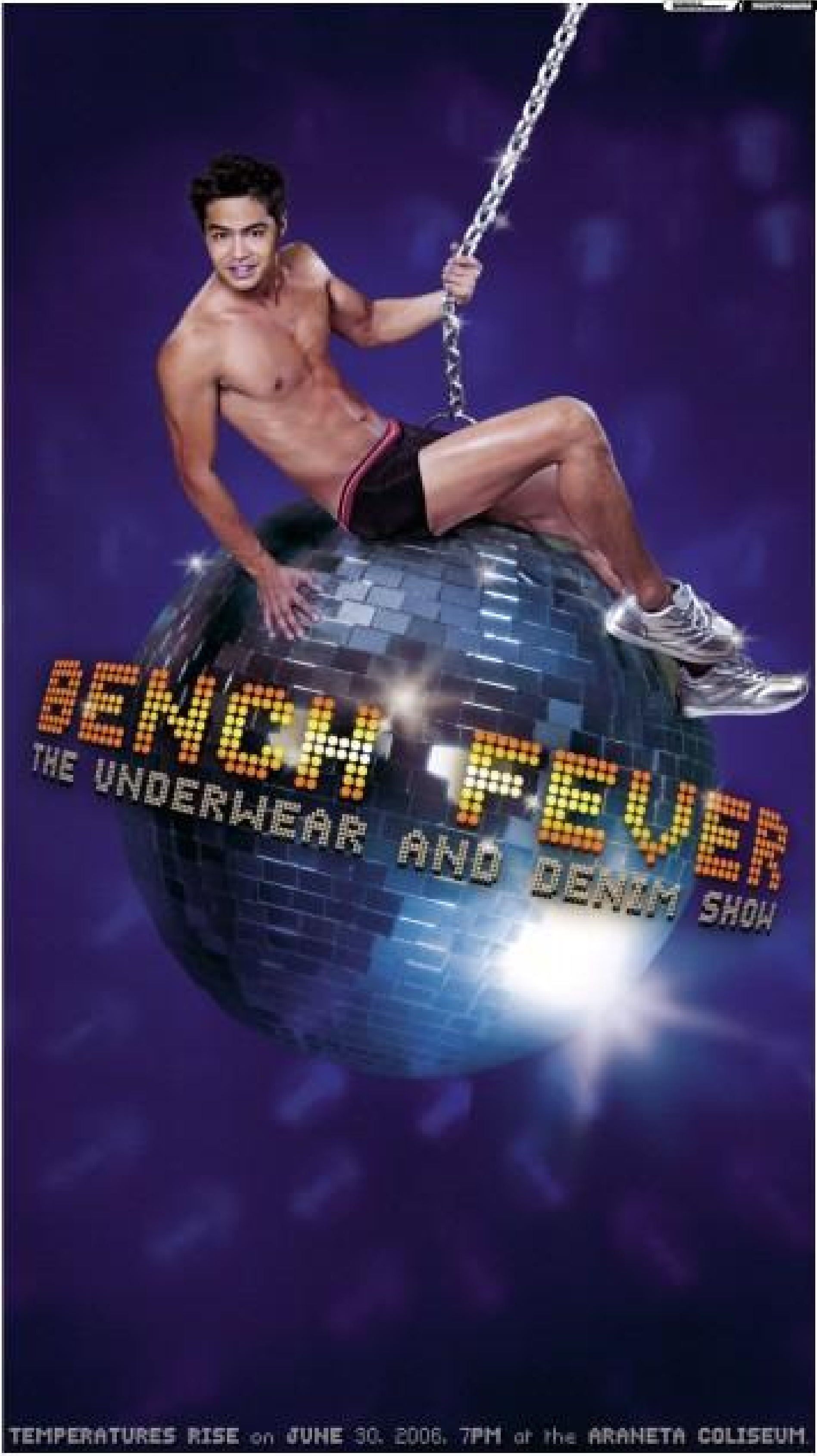


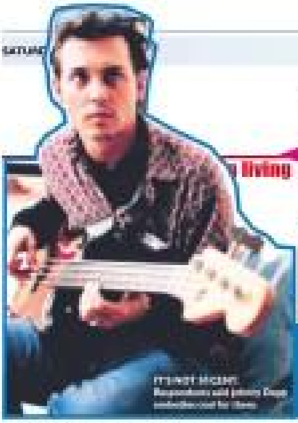
Jelly for your wri$t








BENCH FEVER
THE UNDERWEAR AND DENIM SHOW
TEMPERATURES RISE on JUNE 30, 2006, 7PM at the ARANETA COLISEUM.



living · Super · pop culture

Mild on!

It's no longer cool to be cool. Now it's all about being—cough—warm and stuff, according to a very, very intriguing survey



PARENTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE to rise to joy. [illegible]

Age against the machine



Gino de la Paz

[illegible]

Cool and the gang

[illegible]

Old-school cool

[illegible]

The new cool: a real challenge!

[illegible]





The triumph of the Triu

—Patrick

Corine Alegre

Karla Alindahao



...mvirate

By Tiu Yap

AT THE END OF THE DAY what matters most is style. As the first letter of the word SUPER stands for style, we put a premium on the way we live our lives. Style encompasses the whats of daily living and goes further into the how and why we do things.

–Carina

–Karla

Patrick Ty



MOVE OVER, X-MEN. Make way for the irony-free Care Bears.

Mild on!

From page D1

[illegible]



NICE GUYS FINISH... FIRST? Maybe, but my money's still on Bart.

[illegible]

Cool like dat

[illegible]

Impending coolness

[illegible]



EH, CANA-DUH. Americans think the survey is a joke because a) it took place in Canada and b) one of the researchers is named Mitchel.

[illegible]

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